

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
JANUARY 28, 2013**

Call to Order

Mayor Ronald A. D'Epifanio called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 7:00 PM at the Fairfield Municipal Building, 5350 Pleasant Avenue.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Pennington led in prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Clerk Wilson called the roll of Council. Councilmember Holtegel, Councilmember Pennington, Councilmember Senger, Councilmember Abbott, Councilmember Oler, Councilmember Meyers, and Councilmember Jones.

Agenda Modifications

Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Abbott, moved to amend the agenda by adding a resolution declaring intent and necessity of the Seward Road Improvement Project and declaring an emergency. Law Director Clemmons explained that there was an error on the previous resolution, so a new resolution is required to correct the error. Motion Carried 7-0.

Executive Session Requests

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to approve a request for an Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining with the city's employee unions. Clerk Wilson called the roll of Council. Motion Carried 7-0.

Public Hearing(s)

Special Presentations and Citizen Comments

Special presentation from Mayor Ron D'Epifanio

Mayor D'Epifanio recognized Ashton Isler for a donation he made to the Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Fields. Ashton requested monetary birthday gifts for his 10th birthday in December and donated all of the money, \$125, to the Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Fields. Mayor D'Epifanio presented him with a proclamation and declared him Honorary Mayor in the City of Fairfield on January 29, 2013 and declaring it "Ashton Isler Day." Kim Nuxhall also presented Ashton with a signed and framed picture and a t-shirt and thanked him for his generosity and the Cincinnati Reds Community Fund presented him with a voucher for free tickets to an April home game. The councilmembers and Mayor D'Epifanio also thanked Ashton with a gift card to Dick's Sporting Goods.

Dan Brown, Butler County Auditor's Office, 130 High Street, Hamilton, Ohio announced that the deadline for Homestead Exemption is June 3. Homestead Exemption shields \$25,000 value for citizens ages 65 and older, permanently and totally disabled. The exemption is approximately a \$475 savings on average. Board of Revision for property value disputes runs through April 1. Also, dog licenses is January 31, and the fee is \$14. After January 31, the fee increases to \$28. More information for each of these programs and deadlines is available on the auditor's website.

Mayor/Council Reports

Councilmember Senger congratulated Councilmember Pennington on her 40th anniversary.

Councilmember Pennington reported that Boards & Commissions applications are due by February 15. There are several positions open. More information is available online and in the Clerk of Council's office.

Councilmember Jones reported that Jason Hunold, interim Wastewater Superintendent, has received his OEPA Class 4 certification on his first review, which is a very difficult task.

Mayor D'Epifanio congratulated Councilmember Pennington on her anniversary and noted that she also recently received the Realtor of the Year Award from the Hamilton, Fairfield and Oxford Board of Realtors. This award is given not only for the amount of real estate sold, but also for community involvement.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2013

- The Regular Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2013 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Jeff Holtegel, Chairman; Tim Abbott, Vice Chairman, Tim Meyers, Member

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Contract with Fairfield Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Holtegel presented the second reading of this ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Tim Meyers, Chairman; Mike Oler, Vice Chairman, Tim Abbott, Member

Resolution declaring necessity of repairing sidewalks (including aprons).

Councilmember Meyers presented the second reading of this ordinance. Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this resolution. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. RESOLUTION 2-13. APPROVED 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a three (3) year contract with T.R. Gear Landscaping for landscaping maintenance.

Councilmember Meyers presented the second reading of this ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Tim Meyers, Chairman; Mike Oler, Vice Chairman, Tim Abbott, Member

Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to read the following two (2) ordinances and one (1) resolution by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Ordinance to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Cargill, Incorporated for the purchase of road salt and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended entering into a contract with Cargill, Incorporated for the purchase of road salt. This will be done in cooperation with the Butler County Engineer's Office. The price will remain the same as last year, at approximately \$65 per ton. Legislative Action: Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Pennington moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 4-13. APPROVED 7-0.

Ordinance accepting public improvements and releasing the maintenance bond for Emerald Lakes Section 3 Subdivision.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended an ordinance accepting public improvements and releasing the maintenance bond for Emerald Lakes Section 3 Subdivision. This is an interior section of the subdivision; Public Works and Public Utilities have done inspections on the area and signed off. There is some landscaping and sidewalk work to be done and a performance bond has been posted for that work. Legislative Action: Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Resolution declaring intent and necessity of the Seward Road Improvement Project and declaring an emergency.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended a resolution declaring intent and necessity of the Seward Road Improvement Project. There were ownership changes in some parcels of the land that the city was unaware of. The new resolution reflects those changes. Legislative Action: Councilmember Meyers presented the first reading of this resolution.

Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Abbott moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Meyers, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. RESOLUTION 3-13. APPROVED 7-0.

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tim Abbott, Chairman; Terry Senger, Vice Chairman, Mike Oler, Member

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to read the following ordinance by title only. Motion Carried 7-0.

Appropriation Ordinance (Non-Contractual Items) - \$65,000 for 2012 Grounds, Entry-ways & Landscaping Program; \$95,000 for 2012 Annual Drainage Program.

Background: City Manager Pizzano recommended non-contractual appropriations in the amount of \$65,000 for the 2012 Grounds, Entry-Ways & Landscaping Program and \$95,000 for the 2012 Annual Drainage Program. Legislative Action: Councilmember Abbott presented the first reading of this ordinance.

Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Oler moved to suspend the rules requiring three (3) readings of this ordinance. Motion Carried 7-0. Councilmember Abbott, seconded by Councilmember Meyers moved to adopt . Motion Carried 7-0. ORDINANCE NO. 5-13. APPROVED 7-0.

Meeting Schedule

Clerk Wilson read the following meeting schedule:

- Monday, February 11 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 25 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, March 11 Council-Manager Briefing, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session of Council (if needed)

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:26 PM.

Adjournment

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Date Approved _____

Mayor's Approval